

**8 -2 REGULATORY STAFF NEEDED FOR CLASS B AND C LOW-LEVEL
WASTE FACILITY**

ISSUE: **If Envirocare is allowed to accept Class B and C low-level radioactive waste, additional regulatory staff will be needed in the Division of Radiation Control for oversight of the facility.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that 3 additional staff would be required to fully implement a Class B and C low-level radioactive oversight program. This would involve the hiring of additional health physics and engineering staff for the Division. The Board of Radiation Control made the staff resources a condition of license approval.

BACKGROUND:

During the 2001 Legislative Session, the Department was provided funding to hire an additional 4 staff. Two of the staff were hired expressly for the newly authorized Generator Site Access permit program. Two other staff were hired because of a modification to Envirocare's license that allowed acceptance of Class A low-level containerized waste for disposal.

The Department provided the Legislature with a regulatory needs list, including the assumption that Class B and C low-level radioactive waste would be approved by the Legislature and the Governor at some future time. The request included the need for 7 additional staff with a budget commitment of approximately \$750,000. Since 4 staff have been hired and are functioning, a revised staffing request would include the 3 remaining staff, not hired pending the outcome of any decision regarding Class B and C low-level radioactive waste, and the related funding.